NOVA SCOTIA

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Nova Scotia at a Glance 2001

Government

Lieutenant Governor: Honourable Myra A. Freeman
Premier: Honourable John F. Hamm

Nova Scotia was one of the four original provinces to join Confederation in 1867.

At October 2001 the standings of the parties were:

Provincial Legislature	House of Commons	Canadian Senate
52 Seats	301 Seats	105 Seats
31 Progressive Conservative	11 Nova Scotia Members	9 Nova Scotia Senators
10 Liberal		1 Vacant
11 New Democrat		

Estimates - Province of Nova Scotia Budgetary Summary (March 29, 2001 $ Thousands)

	Actual 1999-00	Estimate 2000-01	Forecast 2000-01	Estimate 2001-2002
Ordinary Revenue	**4,784,287**	**4,794,941**	**5,044,484**	**5,134,771**
Net Expenditures				
Net Program Expenditures	4,294,096	4,146,012	4,235,501	4,324,619
Net Debt Servicing Costs	827,123	899,122	970,680	908,857
	5,121,219	**5,045,134**	**5,206,181**	**5,233,476**
	(336,932)	(250,193)	(161,697)	(98,705)
Surplus (Deficiency) for Government Organizations				
	(195,488)	--	--	--
Surplus (Deficiency) for Governemnt Enterprises				
Nova Scotia Resources Ltd.	(26,164)	(25,900)	(41,800)	-
Sydney Steel Corporation	(34,489)	-	-	-
Other Enterprises	295,136	8,000	4,600	8,000
	234,483	**(17,900)**	**(37,200)**	**8,000**
Provincial Surplus (Deficit)	**(773,237)**	**(268,093)**	**(198,897)**	**(90,705)**

Demography

Population (July 1 Estimates)

	1986	1991	1996	2001
Nova Scotia	889,321	915,068	931,235	942,691

In 2001 the province comprised 3.0% of the total Canadian population. The population density was 17.8 persons per square kilometre.

Population by Age and Sex (July 1, 2001 Estimate)

Age	Males	Females	Total
0-14	86,096	81,989	169,085
15-24	64,406	62,378	126,784
25-44	142,029	144,724	286,753
45-64	116,360	118,752	235,112
65+	52,769	73,188	125,957
Total	**461,660**	**481,030**	**942,691**

Vital Statistics

	1996	2000
Live Births	10,573	9,197
Deaths	7,751	8,877
Marriages	5,392	5,063
Divorces	2,228	1,943*

** 1999 Data*

Population of Nova Scotia Counties (July 1 Estimates)

	1991	1996	2000
Annapolis	24,004	22,818	22,774
Antigonish	19,530	19,993	20,097
Cape Breton	121,880	120,360	114,868
Colchester	48,470	50,432	51,025
Cumberland	34,820	34,562	33,765
Digby	21,565	20,958	20,686
Guysborough	11,871	11,142	10,443
Halifax	337,085	352,153	367,502
Hants	38,496	40,440	42,256
Inverness	21,937	21,378	20,933
Kings	57,338	60,661	62,425
Lunenburg	48,360	48,587	49,063
Pictou	50,417	49,819	49,325
Queens	13,110	12,698	12,046
Richmond	11,409	11,258	10,910
Shelburne	17,605	17,393	16,939
Victoria	8,828	8,697	8,474
Yarmouth	28,343	27,881	27,465

Population of Cities and Towns – 5,000+ (July 1 Estimates)

	1991	1996	2000
Halifax City	116,795	117,173	118,059
Dartmouth City	69,123	67,376	66,337
Bedford	11,812	13,972	16,060
Truro	11,882	12,241	12,281
New Glasgow	10,059	10,039	10,011
Amherst	9,915	9,917	9,741
Bridgewater	7,351	7,504	7,671
Yarmouth	7,908	7,723	7,549
Kentville	5,597	5,675	5,642
Stellarton	5,312	5,073	4,885

The Economy

Gross Domestic Product ($ Millions)

At Market Prices	1993	1996	1999
Current Dollars	18,394	19,543	24,061
Constant 1997 Dollars	19,273	19,752	25,570

Civil Labour Force and Employment

	1996	2000
Population 15+	724,700	747,700
Labour Force	431,100	461,600
Employed	378,100	419,500
Unemployed	53,000	42,000
Unemployment Rate	12.3%	9.1%
Participation Rate	59.5%	61.7%

Largest Employers by Employment Range

Public	Private
5,000+	*5,000+*
Government of Canada	
Government of Nova Scotia	
2,500-4,999	*2,500-4,999*
Canada Post Corporation	Atlantic Wholesalers
Dalhousie University	MTT
Halifax Regional Municipality	Michelin North America (Cda) Inc.
Halifax Regional School Board	Sobeys Inc.
Western Regional Health Board	
1,000-2,499	*1,000-2,499*
Annapolis Valley Regional School Board	Bank of Nova Scotia
Canadian Corps of Commissionaires	IMP Group Ltd
Cape Breton Regional Municipality	Royal Bank of Canada
Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board	Nova Scotia Power Inc.
Central Regional Health Board	Sears Canada Inc.
Chignecto-Central Regional Health Board	Trenton Works Ltd.
Eastern Regional Health Board	
Northern Regional Health Board	
Royal Canadian Mounted Police	
Southwest Regional School Board	
Strait Regional School Board	

Taxation

Nova Scotia offers a competitive tax structure for corporations. The 16% general rate is competitive with most other provinces. Nova Scotia's 15% fully refundable R&D credit is among the most generous in the country and the Small Business Corporate Tax rate is 5%. Canada Customs and Revenue Agency collects Nova Scotia's Income Tax so firms need only file a single return – at any Canada Customs and Revenue Agency office in the country. There is no payroll tax. The sales tax is harmonized with the Federal value-added tax, the goods and service tax, and therefore, offers input tax credits to suppliers of taxable sales.

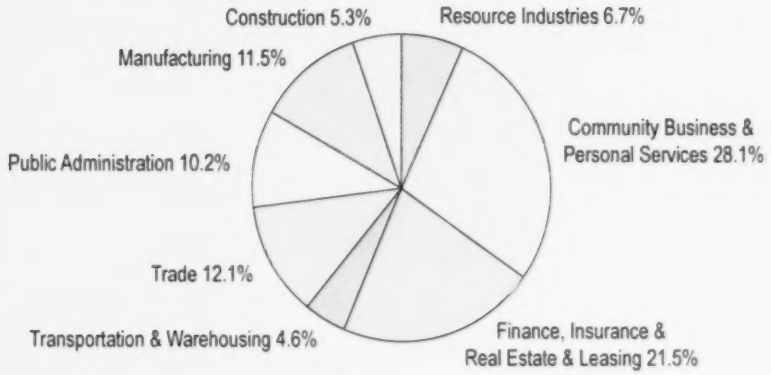
Consumer Price Index – All Items

	Index 1992=100		Annual % Change	
	1996	**2000**	**1996**	**2000**
Nova Scotia	105.6	114.2	1.7	3.5
Canada	105.9	113.5	1.6	2.7

Incomes

	1993	**Most Current**
Personal Income per Capita	$19,378	$23,787 (2000)
Average Family Income	41,809	40,162 (1998)
Average Income per Tax Filer	22,030	24,271 (1998)
Average Weekly Wage	495.55	559.94 (2000)
Minimum Wage effective Oct. 1, 2001		$5.80/hr (experienced) $5.35/hr (inexperienced)

Gross Domestic Product by Industry – Factor Cost (2000)



Gross Domestic Product by Industry – Basic Prices ($ Millions 1997)

	1997	2000
Goods Producing	4,179	4,768
Resource Industries	1,293	1,360
Manufacturing	1,905	2,334
Construction	981	1,074
Service Producing	14,204	15,566
Transportation and warehousing	822	932
Trade	2,017	2,458
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate, and Renting & Leasing	4,007	4,374
Community, Business & Personal Services	3,997	3,886
Public Administration	2,153	2,068
Other Service	1,208	1,848
Total*	**18,383**	**20,334**

** Figures may not add due to rounding*

Employment by Industry ('000)

	1997	2000
Goods Producing	*83.8*	*92.8*
Agriculture	7.3	6.9
Other Primary	15.2	15.0
Utilities	2.3	2.8
Manufacturing	37.7	43.5
Construction	21.3	24.6
Service Producing	*300.5*	*326.7*
Transportation & Warehousing	16.7	20.6
Wholesale & Retail Trade	66.9	75.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	21.5	22.2
Community, Business & Personal Services	165.4	183.3
Public Administration[1]	29.9	25.4
Total Employment	**384.3**	**419.5**

**Numbers do not total due to rounding*
[1]Excludes defense

Number of Businesses and Employment by Sector (1998)

	No. of Businesses	Employment[1]
Mines, Quarries & Oil Wells	83	1,900
Other Primary Sectors	3,956	8,300
Manufacturing	2,028	39,000
Construction	3,681	14,600
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	1,429	22,200
Wholesale Trade	2,164	15,500
Retail Trade	4,583	50,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,555	19,700
Community, Business&Personal Services	12,450	120,000
Public Administration	183	53,100
Not Classified	351	700
All Business	**32,463**	**345,100**

[1] Average full-time, full-year equivalent employment

Goods Producing Sector

Agriculture

Number of Census Farms

	1986	1991	1996[1]
Number	4,283	3,980	4,021

[1]Excludes "Christmas tree only" farms

Farm Cash Receipts ($'000)

	1996	2000
Crops	101,356	116,276
Cattle & Calves	25,722	32,682
Hogs	36,078	35,011
Dairy Products	85,924	90,368
Poultry	54,475	56,535
Eggs	25,298	21,766
Forest & Maple Products	14,552	25,455*
Other Livestock & Products	21,185	24,857
Payments	12,935	11,969
Total Cash Receipts	**377,525**	**414,937**

** Includes Christmas Trees*

Fishery (excludes Aquaculture)

Fish Landings by Species – Quantity (Tonnes)

	1996	2000
Cod	12,706	9,448
OtherGroundfish	73,832	61,240
Pelagic & Estuarial	89,832	84,372
Scallops	40,305	78,193
Lobster	17,694	22,377
Other Shellfish	29,760	50,916
Miscellaneous	15,202	N/A
Total	**279,331**	**306,546**

Fishing Landings by Species – Value ($'000)

	1996	2000
Cod	18,209	16,828
Other Groundfish	67,432	69,376
Pelagic & Estuarial	42,255	33,445
Scallops	57,983	106,495
Lobster	199,935	283,825
Other Shellfish	78,965	137,704
Miscellaneous	1,449	N/A
Total	**466,225**	**647,673**

Forestry

Forest Production by Round Product ('000m^3)

		1996	2000
Sawn	Softwood	2,064	N/A
	Hardwood	42	N/A
	Total	**2,106**	**N/A**
Round	Softwood	3,203	N/A
	Hardwood	299	N/A
	Total	**3,502**	**N/A**
Total	Softwood	5,267	4,617
	Hardwood	341	1,027
	Total	**5,608**	**5,644**

Mining

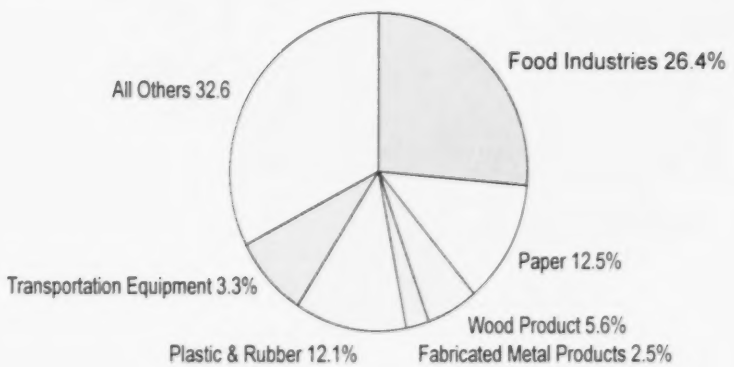
Mineral Production – by Value ($'000)

	1996	2000[2]
Non-metals[1]	203,685	225,640
Coal	187,770	65,838
Crude Petroleum	201,198	98,016
Natural Gas & Byproducts	–	813,209
Total All Materials	**592,653**	**1,202,703**

[1]*Includes gypsum, salt, peat moss*
[2]*Preliminary*

Manufacturing

Manufacturing Shipments by Industry Group (2000)



Manufacturing Shipments by Industry Group ($ Millions)

	1996	2000
Food	1,600	2,245
Beverage & Tobacco Products	N/A	194
Wood Product	N/A	472
Paper	N/A	1,065
Plastic & Rubber Products	N/A	1,030
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	116	166
Fabricated Metal Product	135	213
Transportation Equipment	N/A	704
All Other Industries[1]	4,357	2,400
Total All Industries	**6,208**	**8,489**

[1]*Includes figures for industry data considered confidential or not listed above.*

Construction

Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

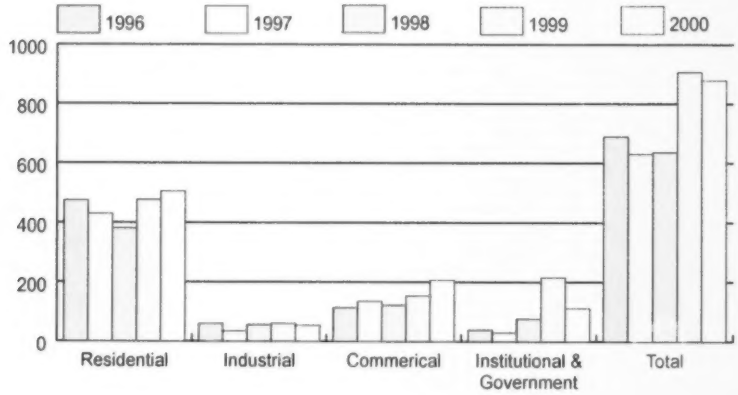
Expenditures	**1999(a)**	**2000(pa)**	**2001(ri)**
Construction	3,411.8	2,536.0	2,731.5
Machinery & Equipment	1,595.3	1,669.2	1,575.8
Total	**5,007.1**	**4,205.1**	**4,307.3**

a – actual, pa – preliminary actual, ri – revised intention

Housing Starts by Type (No. of Units)

	1996	2000
Single Detached	3,278	2,856
Semi-Detached & Duplex	447	266
Row	59	17
Apartment	275	1,293
Total	**4,059**	**4,432**

Building Permits by Type ($ Millions)



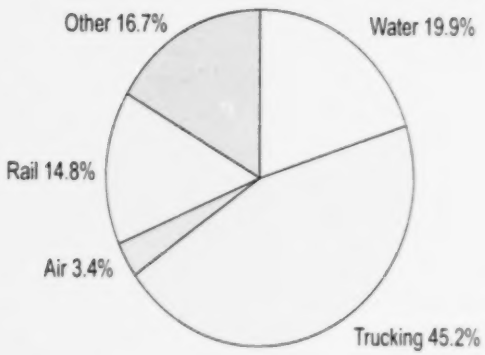
Building Permits by Type ($ Millions)

	1996	*2000*
Residential	475.0	505.4
Industrial	59.7	54.0
Commercial	114.7	207.1
Institutional & Government	39.6	112.0
Total	**689.0**	**878.5**

Service Producing Sectors

Transportation

Transportation Industry Contribution to Sectorial RDP (2000)



Air Air Canada, Air Nova, Air St. Pierre, Continental Express and several charter services operate out of the Halifax International Airport, offering regular flights to all Canadian destinations as well as international service to Boston, New York, Bermuda, London, Glasgow and points beyond. Major airports with service connecting to all key Atlantic Canadian destinations are also located in Yarmouth and Sydney. Numerous smaller facilities are located throughout the province to serve private craft and flying clubs.

Rail CN operates the primary inland rail connection linking regional and international shippers to markets throughout Canada and the United States. In addition, CN offers access to an extensive intermodal service through its Halifax Richmond Terminal and service to two container terminals. There are two shortline railways under provincial jurisdiction providing an invaluable service to regional and local shippers. The Cape Breton and Central Nova Scotia Railway (CB&CNS) operates from Sydney to Truro where it interchanges with CN. The Windsor and Hantsport Railway (W&H) operates between Windsor Junction and New Minas, connecting with CN at Windsor Junction. VIA Rail operates the Ocean, a six-day a week transcontinental passenger rail service, between Halifax and Montreal.

Road There are approximately 26,000 kilometers of highways in Nova Scotia. The TransCanada and 100-series highways are all-weather, mostly controlled-access and rapid transit that join with the New Brunswick TransCanada Highway to points in Canada and the United States. Highway 104 includes a stretch of four lane toll highway which opened December, 1997. Acadian Lines provides a bus link to most major communities within the province and there are also a number of regional and local bus services. Over 600,000 persons have road motor vehicle operator's licences, and total vehicle registration in fiscal 2000 numbered 541,382.

Water Numerous ports dot the coastline of the province. The Port of Halifax is one of the world's finest and most sophisticated deep-water ports and is perfectly suited to 21st century sea-going trade and commerce. It offers a 21 metre-deep ice free harbour with easy approaches and two of the most modern container terminals in the world, each with on-dock rail service and the capability to handle the most varied ro-ro and dimensional load cargoes, as well as the largest container ships. Handling about 13 million tonnes of cargo a year, the Port of Halifax is the first westbound and last eastbound port of call on the continent, offering the shortest ocean voyage times for trade across the North Atlantic, through the Mediterranean, into the Suez and around the world. Car/passenger ferry service connects between Bar Harbor and Portland, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia; Port-aux-Basques and Argentia, Newfoundland to North Sydney, Nova Scotia; Saint John, New Brunswick to Digby, Nova Scotia; and between Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island and Caribou, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

Trade

Retail Trade ($ Millions)

	1998	1999	2000
Supermarkets & Grocery Stores	1,896	1,993	2,061
Motor Vehicle & Recreational Vehicle Dealers	1,947	1,973	2,030
General Merchandise Stores	850	924	942
Gasoline Service Stations	592	711	822
Drugs & Patent Medicine Stores	523	530	540
Other	1,904	2,032	2,090
Total Retail Sales	**7,712**	**8,163**	**8,485**
Per Capita($'s)Nova Scotia	8,239	8,687	9,015
Canada	8,155	8,550	9,003

Wholesale Trade ($ Millions)

	2000	% Change 1999-00
Nova Scotia	6,855	2.7
Canada	380,777	6.4

International Trade - Nova Scotia Exports by Destination ($ Millions)

	1996	2000
United States	2,147	4,194
Other European Community	347	284
Japan	156	180
United Kingdom	108	94
Other Countries	359	377
Total	**3,117**	**5,129**

Nova Scotia Exports by Major Commodity Groups ($ Millions)

	1996	2000
Fish & Fish Preparations	806	1,089
Paper & Paperboard	327	540
Transportation Equipment	126	298
Wood Pulp & Similar Pulp	243	247
Non-Metallic Minerals, Mineral Fuels	250	940
Lumber	81	242
Other Commodity Groups	1,284	1,773
Total	**3,117**	**5,129**

Nova Scotia Imports ($ Millions)

	1996	2000
Total	**3,933**	**5,429**

Finance, Insurance & Real Estate

Finance, Insurance & Real Estate - Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

	1999(a)	2000(pa)	2001(ri)
Finance & Insurance Industries	307.7	280.7	271.4
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing Services	147.9	128.4	153.8

a – actual, pa – preliminary actual, ri – revised intention

Selected Community, Business & Personal Services

Community, Business & Personal Services - Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

	1999	2000	2001
Information & Cultural Industries	290.8	308.4	358.2
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	41.6	53.7	34.5
Educational Service Industries	80.4	74.5	122.8
Health Care & Social Assistance Industries	33.7	45.6	108.7
Accommodation & Food Service Industries	24.8	35.8	48.7

Hospitals (2000-2001*)

	Number	Beds
Public General	37	2,529
Psychiatric	1	181
Maternity/Pediatric	1	282
Total	**39**	**2,992**

Long-Term Care Facilities (August/2000*)

	Number	Beds
Total	74	5,904

**does not include residential Level I*

Educational Institutions (2000-2001)

	Number	Enrollment Full-time
Universities	11	38,158
Post Secondary Colleges	5	7,085
Private & Public Schools, Grades Primary to 12	509	161,269

Communications (1999)

TV Broadcasting Source Stations	4
AM & FM Stations	22
Internet Usage (2000)	52.0%

Tourism

Impact		1999	2000
Receipts ('000)		$1,256,000	$1,250,000
People Employed		36,300	34,800
Non-resident visitors (Jan 1-Dec. 31)			
Mode of Travel	Automobile	1,457,000	1,436,100
	Recreational Vehicle	109,000	99,600
	Motorcoach	103,300	91,300
	Air	538,800	548,100
	Total	**2,210,800**	**2,175,000**
Origin (%)			
Atlantic Canada		51.7	52.4
Other Canada		29.3	30.3
International		19.0	17.3

Accommodations (2000)	*Fixed Roof*	*Campsites*
Supply of Rooms/Sites	16,142	13,000
Room/Site Nights Sold ('000)	2,553	750
Annual Occupancy Rate	57%	40%

Public Administration

Employment	1996	2000
Federal	33,638	29,460
Provincial	50,213	47,899
Local	24,254	26,376
Total	**108,106**	**103,735**

Figures by jurisdiction do not add to published total

Geography

The Province of Nova Scotia covers an area of 55,000 sq. km. The mainland part of the Province is connected to New Brunswick and the remainder of Canada by the 28 km. Isthmus of Chignecto. Cape Breton Island is joined to the mainland by the Canso Causeway. Nova Scotia is located at 59° to 67° Longitude and 43° to 48° Latitude. This places Halifax, the capital city, south of Tokyo, Paris, Vienna, Minneapolis and Portland, Oregon. The coastline stretches for 7,400km, but the overall length of the Province is only 575km, while average width is 130km.

Climate

Average daily temperatures at Halifax range from – 4.6° Celsius in January to + 17.5° Celsius in July. Rainfall on an annual basis averages 1,178.1 millimeters.

Sources

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